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Notice of Allowability

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10/061,982

Examiner

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Applicant(s)

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-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address--

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1. ☒ This communication is responsive to 09/14/2007.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-3, 5-17, and 19-24 hereafter referred to as 1-22.
3. ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
 1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
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 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* Certified copies not received: _____.

Applicant has THREE MONTHS FROM THE "MAILING DATE" of this communication to file a reply complying with the requirements noted below. Failure to timely comply will result in ABANDONMENT of this application.

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4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.

Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☒ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO/SB/08),
Paper No./Mail Date 03/13/2007
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material

5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
6. ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413),
Paper No./Mail Date _____.
7. ☒ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☒ Other See Continuation Sheet.

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Continuation of Attachment(s) 9. Other: Interview Summary, not mailed, telephone interview conducted with Applicant on 10/17/2007.

DETAILED ACTION

1. This action is responsive to the amendment filed Claims 1-3, 5-17, and 19-24 represent Computer system and method for transmitting user status information.

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

2. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Natalie Moreli (#58,548) on October 25, 2007.

The application has been amended. Claims 1-3, 5-17, and 19-24 are replaced with the claim language as filed on 12/11/2006 (as presented prior to amendments filed 09/07/2007).

On claim 1, replace "is operable to" with "comprises"," on line 11 and replace "require...establish...request...receive..." on lines 12, 16, 19, and 25 respectively with "means for requiring...means for establishing...means for requesting...means for receiving..."

On claim 12, replace "is operable to" with "comprises"," on line 15 and replace "obtain...prepare...transmit..." on lines 16, 20, and 22 respectively with "means for obtaining...means for preparing...means for transmitting ..."

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On claim 15 delete “; and the verification server is operable to,” on lines 10 and 11 and replace “require...identify...request...prepare...transmit” on lines 12, 15, 18, 23, and 26 respectively with “means for requiring...means for identifying...means for requesting ...means for preparing...means for transmitting.”

On claim 16 delete “; and the verification server is operable to,” on lines 11 and 12 and replace “require...identify...request...prepare...transmit” on lines 13, 17, 19, 25, and 28 respectively with “means for requiring...means for identifying...means for requesting ...means for preparing...means for transmitting.”

On claim 17 delete “; wherein the verification server is operable to:” on lines 7 and 8 and replace “require...identify...request...prepare...transmit” on lines 9, 13, 16, 21, and 21 respectively with “means for requiring...means for identifying...means for requesting ...means for preparing...means for transmitting.”

On claim 21, replace “being operable to:” with “comprising” on line 8 and replace “supply...supply...receive...receive...” on lines 9, 14, 18, and 20 respectively with “means for supplying...means for supplying...means for receiving...means for receiving.”

Reason For Allowance

3. Claims 1-3, 5-17 and 19-24 hereafter referred to as 1-22 are allowed.
4. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: The closest prior art of record (WO 99/55055 by Kupka) does not teach nor suggest in detail requesting the current status of a program and data that stored on a recording medium of a user computer in combination with all the elements of each independent claim as argued by the Applicant (See Page 32 of Applicant enabling specification). Kupka merely teaches a method of protecting downloaded data. In Kupka, requesting the status of a program and transmitting the status to the server is not taught. So as indicated by the above statements, Applicant's arguments have been considered persuasive in light of the claim limitations as well as the enabling portions of the specification.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Joiya Cloud whose telephone number is 571-270-1146. The examiner can normally be reached Monday to Friday from on 7:30am-5:00pm.

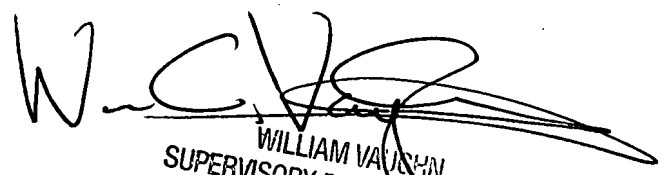
If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, William Vaughn can be reached on 571-272-3922. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-3922. Information regarding the status of an application may be obtained from the Patent Application Information Retrieval (PAIR) system. Status information for published applications may be obtained from either Private PAIR or Public PAIR. Status information for unpublished applications is available through Private PAIR only. For more information about the PAIR system, see <http://pair-direct.uspto.gov>. Should you have questions on access to the Private PAIR system, contact the Electronic Business Center (EBC) at 866-217-9197 (toll-free).

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